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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on May 20, 2003, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-26, for prosecution on the merits, with traverse, and without prejudice to filing a separate divisional application directed to non-elected claims.



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